

The Voice

Algona High School

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Get Caught in the Speech!!

Act

Katie Green

The AHS drama department is putting on a fall play called *Caught in the Act*. The play is about a group of people preparing to perform their school play. They encounter a multitude of problems, but in the end, the group overcomes these issues.

The play is set to open on November 4th at 7:30 PM at O.B. Lang Middle

School. The next show will be on November 6th, at the same time and place. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased ahead of time from Premier Pizza or else purchased at the door. Ms. Elle says, "Come support your fellow students. Have fun, laugh, and enjoy yourself."

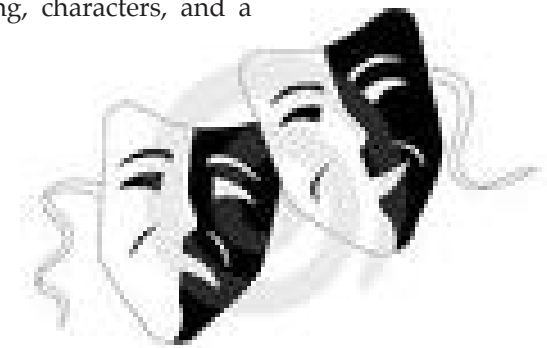
Sierra Wegner

Large group speech is starting up again and the students involved are having so much fun. Some of the competition categories include improv, musical theater, readers' theatre choral reading, and one act.

Musical theater is like a musical, with everyone involved dancing and singing. In improv, the judges give the group a situation and then they come up with a setting, characters, and a

conflict. Next they act out the scene. In readers' theater, the judges give you a script to act out. It is beneficial to memorize the script before performing. One act is basically what it says. You get a play with one act and you act it out.

The large group participants are getting ready for their first competition, which will be on January 22nd, at Districts.



Competencia de los inteligentes

Richie Baxter

This year's quiz bowl teams are starting off very well! AHS quiz bowlers competed at Bishop Garigan's Invitational Tournament. Two teams from Algona High have earned their place in the playoffs.

The top team finishing for Algona High consisted of seniors Maddie Gisch, Michael McMahon, Tommy Christian, and Connor McGuire. They placed

second overall in a field of 51 teams.

"Our kids did very well and used good strategy," said Mrs. Wichtendahl, AHS quiz bowl coach. With a second place finish, AHS is now qualified to compete in the National competition, which will take place next summer.

The next quiz bowl tournament is at home this weekend on the 6th. Jeff

Burnett is the newest member of the quiz bowl team. "Quiz Bowl is fun!" says Jeff. "I'm looking forward to my first tournament."

The home quiz bowl tournament is open to anyone to watch. Stop by and cheer on the AHS quiz bowlers and see what quiz bowl is all about this Saturday!

Algona High School Ms. Elle

Abby Foertsch

New to the school district two years ago, Ms. Elle has been very busy teaching, directing plays, and coaching speech. The next play premieres on Thursday, the 4th, and will show again on Saturday, the 6th.

Ms. Elle knew that she wanted to be a teacher when she was little. When she was in kindergarten, there was a tub in the classroom and Ms. Elle would sit in the front of the tub and her classmates would gather around her like she was the teacher and read them stories. She always knew she wanted to help people. She also knew the importance of learning new things. Ms. Elle also wanted to keep learning.

Ms. Elle attended college at Wayne State until she got married, then she transferred to DMACC and earned her associate's degree. After graduating from DMACC, she continued her education at UNI where she received her bachelor's degree. After attending UNI, Ms. Elle went to Morningside where she received her Master's degree.

Ms. Elle has taught at three different schools. Her first teaching experience was a preschool. Ms. Elle's feelings on teaching at preschool are fixed because she taught three, four, and five year old children and then went home to a two year old.

After teaching preschool, she taught at

Denison Job Corps Center. She taught there for nine years and loved it. One great memory from Denison Ms. Elle cherishes is when the students graduated they were given a rose to give to a teacher. When she returned to her room, there were two-dozen roses sitting on her desk.

Her third job is at Algona High. Because of the students, this is her favorite place to teach. When asked what her favorite class to teach is, she said that all of them are different and have unique qualities about them. She likes to teach English 10 because she likes helping the sophomores get through the rough time. She likes her older classes because there is more conversation, the older students add things, and the students are more confident in their answers.

The biggest reward of teaching for Ms. Elle is students who come back and say they have learned something. She says that even though it doesn't feel like you are making a difference right away, it's later on in life when the students come back and say thank you. The thing that she likes about teaching the most is making a difference on students' lives.

Ms. Elle says, "Even though you are high school students, the teachers are here for you. Meeting the teacher half way makes things easier. It makes the jobs easier for the teachers and class is more fun."

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Fashion!

Carly Sansone

The Fashion Strategies class took a trip to Mason City on September 7th. The class went to pick out three different outfits that would look good for their body type. The three outfits had to be good for a wedding, a business job interview, and a casual date. This helped the class by showing them what to wear on these occasions and what colors to wear for their body type. Mrs. Bormann said, "I'm really proud of how the class did on choosing their outfits. It was a great day!"

While the class was in Mason City, they also had to pick out fabric for their

projects. The students all chose different outfits to create on their own. All of the girls chose to make dresses. The only boy in the class, Joey Candelarie, decided to make pajama pants. Joey stated, "I don't really mind being the only guy in the class because it brings me closer to the ladies!"

As of right now, the class is still working on their projects. Most students have begun to sew pieces together. Ashley Norland stated, "I am making my prom dress out of leather, so it's really difficult."



Conferences

Alexa Studer

Conferences this year will be held on Monday, November 8th, and Thursday, the 11th, at AHS from 4:00 to 7:30 pm. The conferences will be held in the teacher's individual rooms.

Report cards will be available for parents to pick up in the office. MAP testing scores will also be available. Math, English, and Science teachers can talk about

specific MAP scores with parents, including sample questions on the subject. Mr. Cecil will be on hand to talk about scores or anything else needed.

Students are encouraged to come along with their parents to discuss their progress in each class.

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Tough loss for the Bulldogs

Brittany Vaske

On Thursday, October 28, the volleyball girls traveled to Spencer to face MOC-Floyd Valley in the Regional Semi-final. The lady Bulldogs ended up short after going into five sets with the Dutch. Scores of the sets were 25-13, 22-25, 25-15, 14-25, and 12-15.

Brittany Vaske led the Bulldogs with 20 kills and Allie Simpson had 19. Connor Barber set out 48

assists and Laura TerHark dug up 24 digs for the Bulldogs. Unfortunately, the girls walked away with the loss. Senior Carly Sansone stated, "Although we took the loss, it was definitely a memorable season."

MOC-Floyd Valley played Bishop Heelan on Tuesday, November 2, in LeMars. Bishop Heelan won in three with scores of 25-12, 25-17, 25-17.

STATE!

Connor Barber

Saturday, October 30th, was the State cross country meet in Fort Dodge. Ryan McMahon was competing for the boys and the girls' team qualified to compete. The girls' team is made up of Katie Connick, Katie Green, Allana Lauck, Kyle Klepper, Tangy Wiseman, Ana Zeller, and Megann Schmidt. This was the first time since 1992 that an Algona girls' team has made it to State.

Final placing results for the girls were Allana 34th, Tangy 35th, Megann 64th, Kyle 67th, Katie Green

72nd, Katie Connick 85th, and Ana 88th. The girls finished 12th as a team. Katie Green stated, "It was such a great day for running and it was a lot of fun."

In the class 3A boys' race, Ryan placed 2nd with a time of 15:31. He was 5 seconds behind Johnny Fuller of Glenwood. Ryan has competed at the State meet all four years of high school.

Everyone who came to watch did a good job of cheering on the girls and Ryan at State!

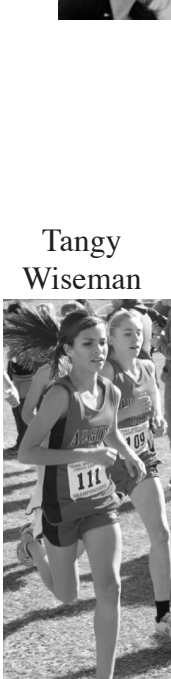
Right: Connor Barber gets ready to block.



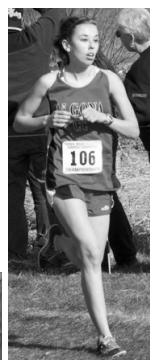
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Megann Schmidt



Tangy Wiseman



Katie Connick



Ana Zeller



Katie Green



Allana Lauck



Kyle Klepper



Ryan McMahon



Above: The girls' cross country team and Ryan McMahon pose for a picture after the pep rally.

Yearbook yourself

August Thronsdon

Are you tired of the same old yearbooks year after year? Well now you don't have to have an old boring yearbook. Jostens has now made it possible for you have a fun and exciting yearbook this year. One new fun thing you can do to your yearbook is customize your own pages.

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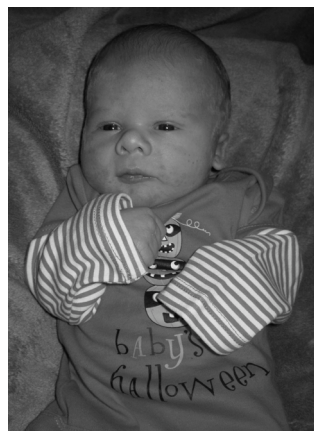
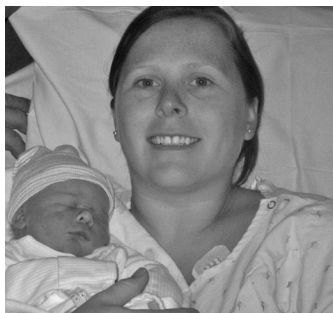
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Paranormal Activity 2

Courtney Schneider

If you are looking for a good scare, watch *Paranormal Activity 2*. To avoid confusion, be sure to watch the first movie before going to this movie.

After an unexpected series of events occur, the first movie will start to make a lot of sense. It tells you why

everything is happening. You just have to pay attention to the little things.

It's a movie that will give you the chills and make you jump. Although it is rated R, the star rating is 6.4 out of 10.

Swimming Regionals

Macie Foster

The Algona High School swim team ended their season by traveled to the Fort Dodge High School on Saturday, October 30th, for Regionals. They scored 75 points and finished in 9th place. There were many other great teams competing there, such as Storm Lake, Spencer, Ames, and many more.

Nicole Kenne participated in the 200-meter and the 500-meter. She placed 20th in the 500, a personal best, which was less than 7 minutes. Nicole Person was in the 50 back, Missy Zadow did the 50-breast stroke and placed 17th in the 100 breaststroke, and Jordan Allen was in the

50 free and the 100 free. The 200 Medley Relay and the 200 Free Relay teams both had 8th place finishes.

Although no one made it to State, all of the relay teams left with a new personal best.

"I felt like we all did pretty well," Jordan Allen quoted.

"The girls had a good day with 22 of 25 events equalling or setting personal bests. It was a good season, finishing with a 5-5 duel record and a 9th place finish at Regionals. We only lose two seniors, Missy Zadow and Nicole Person, so that means the next couple years should be better," said coach Fisher.

Halloween baby

Courtney Schneider

Sunday, October 31st, proved to be a real Halloween for the Spear family.

Mrs. Spear was scheduled to have a c-section on Monday, November 1st, but little Coyer James tricked the doctors and decided to

spook the family with an early arrival. He weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Mrs. Spear is enjoying her treat of a baby boy, who joined his two sisters at home.